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Subject: RE: MPCA Real Time Review Permits for FY19
Attachments: ATT00001.txt; Proposed Permit - MNG640000 - Water Treatment Plant Surface Water Discharge NPDES/SDS General Permit; MN0022233 - Glencoe WWTP NPDES/SDS Permit - Proposed Permit

Andrea,

Thank you for approving the swap for the Met Council permit.

One additional item to note. I noticed that the Glencoe and WTP general permits were added into the FFY18 carry-over list. I just wanted to follow-up to make sure you know that these two proposed permits were sent to EPA for final review before they were final issued. Please see the attached emails.

Also, the Met Council - Eagles Point permit came off of public notice on October 8th. No comments were received during the public notice period. The permit writer (Shauna Bendt) should be sending the proposed permit to you all soon for your final review.

Please let me know if you need any more information from us.

Thank you,

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All
 One final revision Here is the final list.
 Andrea

FY 19 RTR

MN0020192	Detroit Lakes WWTP
MN0020290	Melrose WWTP
MN0020401	REDWOOD FALLS
MN0023973	Litchfield WWTP
MN0002011	Otter Tail Power Co – Hoot Lake

MN0045845	Met Council – Empire WWTP
MN0040649	Buffalo WWTP @

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MN0030643	Hibbing-South
MN0029904	Metropolitan Council-Eagle Point
MN0040738	Alexandria Lake Area SD
MNG640000	Water Treatment Plant GP
MNG585000	Wastewater Stabilization Pond GP
MN0022233	Glencoe WWTP

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I am available from 10:30-11 on Tuesday. I will send you a calendar invite. Thanks.

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Theresa

We are off Monday for Columbus Day. I am free to talk on Tuesday. 8 am – 1pm. Let me know if that works. It may help if you have a list of other permits so we can discuss.

Thanks

Andrea

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Minnesota Power Inc - Boswell Energy Ctr will be very difficult and unlikely to get issued over the next year. The facility has site-specific conditions that would likely get tied up in the ongoing wild rice sulfate standard revision discussions.

I would have time to talk on the phone on Monday about potential replacements. Otherwise, if you would like to email me a list of some of the potential replacements, I could follow-up with you that way as well.

Thanks and have a nice weekend,
 Theresa

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Thank you. If it is easier we can run through potential replacements on a phone call.

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Hi Andrea,

I will send the final permit for MN Power-Harbor Taconite over shortly and will follow-up if there are concerns with MN Power Boswell being on the FY19 permit RTR list.

Thanks,
 Theresa

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Nicole

Thank you for the update on the permits that were issued and those that you don't anticipate to be issued.

MN Power and Taconite (MN0002208) that was part of the FY 18 list and part of the RTR we reviewed the draft permit, While, we issued a non-objection letter on the draft permit. I don't see a copy of the proposed or final permit in our NPDES email. Could you please forward?

Northshore Mining – Silver Bay was on the FY18 list and was rolled over into FY 19 and will remain in on the review list.

I removed the three permits that were either issued or you do not anticipate working on in FY19 and replaced with the three permit highlighted in yellow. Please let me know if you have concerns with these permits.

FY 19 RTR

MN0020192	Detroit Lakes WWTP
MN0020290	Melrose WWTP
MN0020401	REDWOOD FALLS
MN0023973	Litchfield WWTP
MN0001007	Minnesota Power Inc - Boswell Energy Ctr
MN0029882	Met Council - Blue Lake WWTP
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Thank you,

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Andrea,

Thank you for sending us the FFY19 EPA review list. We have reviewed the permits included on the list and have the following comments:

1. The Windom WWTP permit was final issued on June 28, 2018. It should be removed from the FFY19 list.
2. The permit applications for the Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District and the Two Harbors WWTP are not due yet. Due to our current backlog it is unlikely that when these applications come in that the permits will be reissued within FFY19. As a result these should be removed from the FFY19 list.
3. We are unsure whether the Northshore Mining – Silver Bay permit will be worked on during FFY19. As you are aware, we are working through the process outlined in the Mining Joint Priority, which is part of the 2017-2020 PPA/PPG. While we can certainly agree to send EPA the permit for review when it is available, it should be removed from the FFY19 list.
4. The MN Power Harbor Taconite WWTP permit was final issued on September 30, 2018. It should be removed from the FFY19 list.

Please let us know if you have any question or want any additional information regarding these permits or the proposed FFY19 review list.

Thank you,

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All,

Please see the attached for our FY18 permit review list for Minnesota. Let me know if there are any concerns with the list. We have carried over permits In the past we have previous year if they were not processed or completed the permit review process. Like last year we have pared down our numbers to review, it is imperative that permits that are selected for review are permits that will be worked on and finalized in this fiscal year. As things can change throughout the year we plan on revisiting this list during our quarterly management calls. This will let us see if any permits that have been identified for review will no longer be issued in FY18 and allow us to replace these with permits that will be public noticed and issued.

1. While not on the list, we plan on completing reviews of previously submitted permits. In other words, if we have provided feedback on a permit and it has not been issued, we need to see it prior to issuance (proposed);
2. Please submit *all* General Permits to be issued in FY18, but we will only be reviewing those GPs that we have not previously reviewed;
3. Please submit all *new* permits (individual or GP) for majors;
4. Please submit any power plant permit subject to the steam electric ELGs for focused review so we can ensure all of the changes made regarding reconsideration of the rule are being implemented.
5. Please submit all permits (major and minor) subject to 316(b) (includes the new facility rule, existing facility rule or BPJ) for focused review.
6. As always, please identify any permit(s) you would like EPA assistance with in drafting;
7. For those permits we review, please remember that we are required to provide our review on the *proposed* permit. To ensure expediency in issuing permits, EPA can agree to expedite the review after submittal of proposed permits, so the State can proceed with timely issuance for those permits *where no changes were made*. If changes were made, then EPA will adhere to the time frames outlined in the MOA;
8. Please provide any appeals of permits that we have reviewed.

Similar as last year, for each of the permits selected for review, to the extent possible, we will ask you to **provide searchable electronic versions** of the following documents **to our centralized email account at r5npdes@epa.gov, with a cc: to myself (Andrea Schaller) and Heather Quigley:**

1. Previous final permit including any modifications;
2. The draft permit;
3. Permit application;
4. The Fact Sheet;
5. The public notice (depending at what stage the permit is in);
6. Any other state specific documents that you normally include or would be needed to understand the basis for effluent limitations and conditions in the permit; and
7. Any 316 related submissions.

Finally, while we will make a good faith effort to identify all the permits that we would like to review, we reserve the right to review additional permits as needed to address issues that come up during the year such as Congressional or interstate interest.

We will adhere to the review time periods identified in our MOA and will consider them to start when we receive the complete review package. To help with the review, we would like to see the permits as early in the process as possible, preferably, prior to the permits going on public notice.

Below is the list of permits that were agreed upon for review in FY18 will be rolled over.

MN0000868	Xcel Energy - Monticello Generating Plt
MN0002208	Minnesota Power - Taconite Harbor Energy Center
MN0055301	Northshore Mining - Silver Bay

MN0057207	US Steel - Minntac Tailings Basin Area
MN0030643	Hibbing-South
MN0029904	Metropolitan Council-Eagle Point
MN0040738	Alexandria Lake Area SD

Below is the list of the permits that are proposed be part of the FY19 Real Time Review.

MN0020117	Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District WWTP
MN0020192	Detroit Lakes WWTP
MN0022217	Windom WWTP
MN0022250	Two Harbors WWTP
MN0020290	Melrose WWTP
MN0020401	REDWOOD FALLS
MN0023973	Litchfield WWTP

We look forward to working with you as you issue great permits. **If you have any questions or need additional information or clarification, please contact me.**

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